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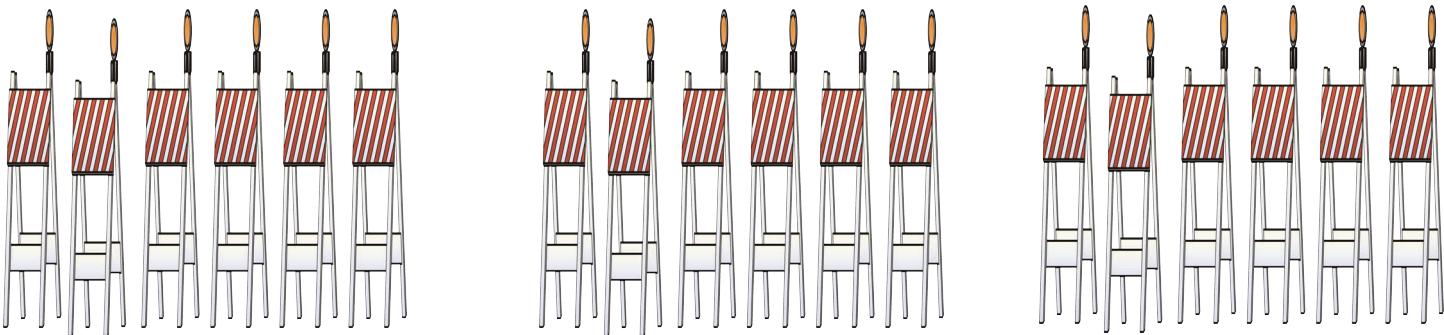
An electronic newsletter for JAHVH employees & friends

We're *Expanding and Improving*



This issue of the Director's e-NEWS highlights the many expansion and improvement projects at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and its satellite clinics. The main hospital campus is shown above (131st Street perspective). At left is the new Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Complex, the first of its kind in the nation.

Construction/Clinic Update



Moving Outpatient Services Off Site Frees Up Much-Needed Space at the Main Hospital



New Eye Clinic Expands Services

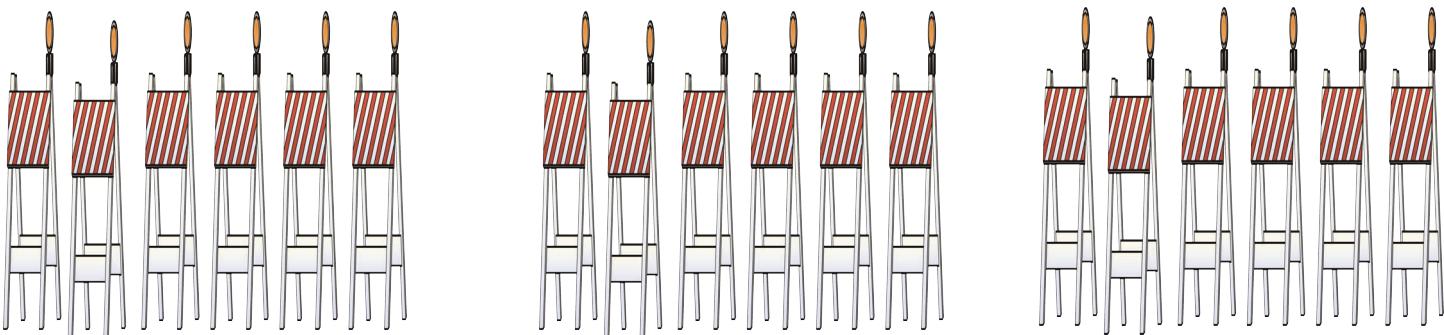


Construction on the new Eye Clinic (above) began in May 2008. The building is about 20,378 square feet and is located about a mile from the main hospital on 46th Street, off Fowler Ave in Tampa. The Clinic's expanded space allows more patients to be seen there as well as providing expanded services including the Advanced Low Vision Rehabilitation Program for visually impaired veterans. Estimated completion is spring 2009.

TARGET — SPRING 2009. The James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital remains one of the nation's busiest facilities and we've gotten even busier over the years. To free up badly needed space at the main campus, we're reallocating space inside the hospital and moving some outpatient functions off site — but still close to the main campus (within a five-mile radius). Many of these moves are expected to be completed in early to mid 2009.



DRIVE THRU OUTPATIENT PHARMACY and DERMATOLOGY CLINIC. Construction on the new Outpatient Pharmacy and Dermatology Clinic began in July 2008. The 16,500 square-foot building is located at 122210 Bruce B. Downs Blvd (formerly the Tower Diagnostic Imaging Center), close to the hospital. The Pharmacy will have a drive-thru feature. Estimated completion is early 2009.



Outpatient Primary Care Annex — Target: 2010

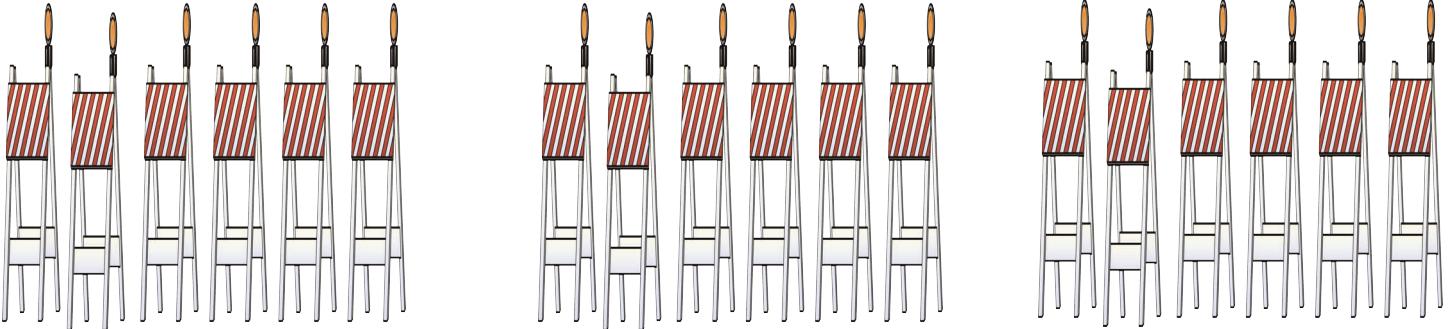
A new Primary Care Annex is being planned that would move five primary care teams out of the main hospital to a stand-alone facility at a site close to the hospital. The building, which is expected to be about 100,000 square feet in size, will house five primary care teams plus administrative support staff. The project is scheduled for completion in 2010. Potential sites are being looked at now.



New Audiology Clinic; Comp and Pen Moves

The Audiology Clinic is moving out of the main hospital into its own approxi-

mately 10,000 square-foot building on 46th Street across from the University of South Florida golf course in Tampa. Compensation and Pension staff will also be housed in the same building. The artist's rendering of the new building is shown here. Scheduled completion is March 2009.



Capital Improvements Mean Better Care for our Veterans

A 50-bed Mental Health Inpatient Ward is being constructed on the first floor of the Nursing Home — a 9,000 square-foot expansion/renovation. That project is expected to be completed by April 2009.

We also expanded our Operating Room and Laboratory areas by 22,000 square feet in 2008. Next is Phase 2, which includes renovation of the OR, increasing current recovery beds from eight to 20 and renovating about 10,000 square feet of the existing lab.



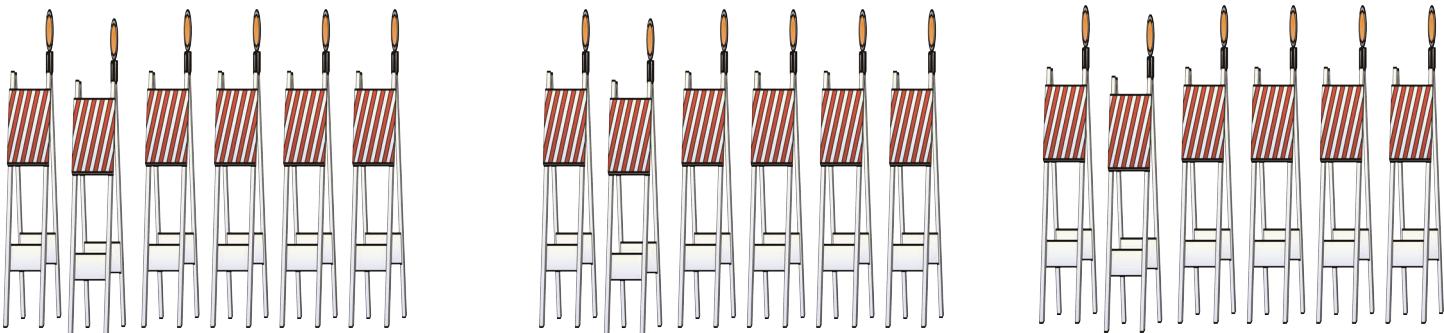
State of the Art Spinal Cord Injury Ward

In June 2008, a new 30-bed ward for long-term care opened in the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Center, bringing the number of beds in the SCI “hospital within a hospital” to 100. The \$12 million project has state-of-the-art equipment and technology, and world-class staff. The F Wing Nurse’s Station is shown here.

Transitional Rehab Facility for Wounded Warriors Opens

A new 33,000 square-foot modular building was completed in early fall 2008. The building provides space for polytrauma transitional rehabilitation therapy programs, outpatient clinics, primary care and administrative functions. The first floor includes five transitional housing “apartments,” with about 700 to 800 square feet of living space. There’s also a gym, recreation/game room, computer space, communal training “kitchen” and other amenities. The complex is the only one of its kind in the nation, providing transitional care for the most severely injured troops.





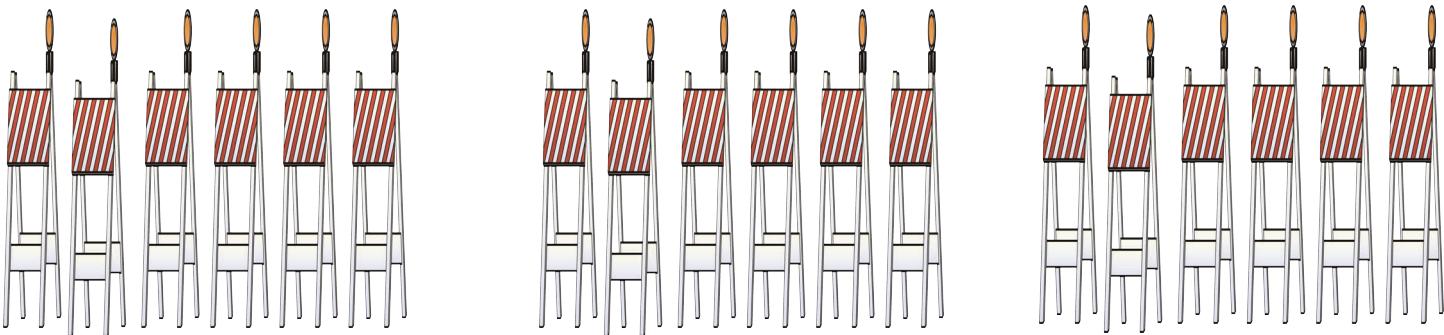
Parking Garage — Target: Fall 2009

⇒ A 1,500-space Parking Garage will be constructed in the southwest corner of the campus, providing much needed parking for employees, visitors, and veterans. Construction will start in the spring of 2009 with estimated completion in the fall.

\$42 Million Electrical Upgrade

A comprehensive upgrade to the 36-year-old hospital's electrical system will provide complete backup power in emergencies. The upgrade completely replaces the exterior electrical network and upgrades the interior of the main hospital's electrical distribution. A generator plant is being constructed on the southwest side of the campus. Hospital Director Stephen Lucas and Chief of Facilities Ron Stipp (*gesturing*) check out the latest progress at the construction site.



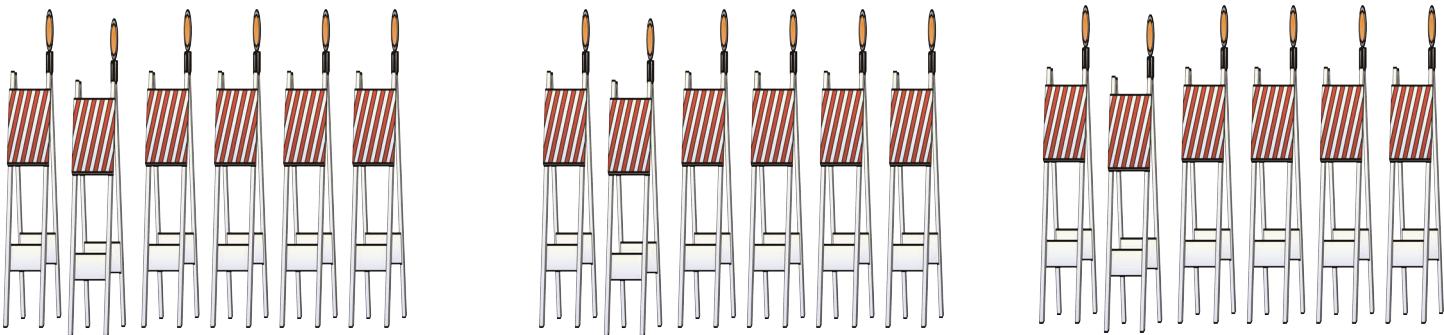


NEW LAKELAND OUTPATIENT CLINIC and MENTAL HEALTH CTR

Clinic Expansions Bring Healthcare Close To Where Veterans Live

With the growing number of veterans in Polk County, the Lakeland Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) outgrew its 4,140 square-foot facility and in November 2008, it relocated into a spacious new 10,000 square-foot building on 4231 S. Pipkin Road in Lakeland (above). Across the CBOC's parking lot is a new 10,000 square-foot satellite Mental Health Center scheduled to open in early 2009. The clinic (below) will have a full complement of mental health specialists plus audiology/speech pathology, rehabilitation services, radiology, podiatry and more. A combined total of more than 120 VA staff will work at the clinics, providing greatly expanded health services to veterans in Polk County and surrounding areas.



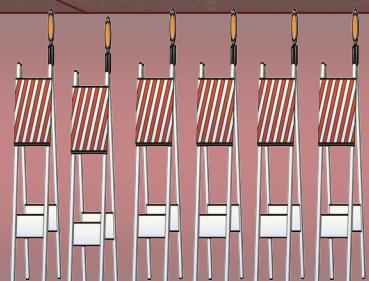


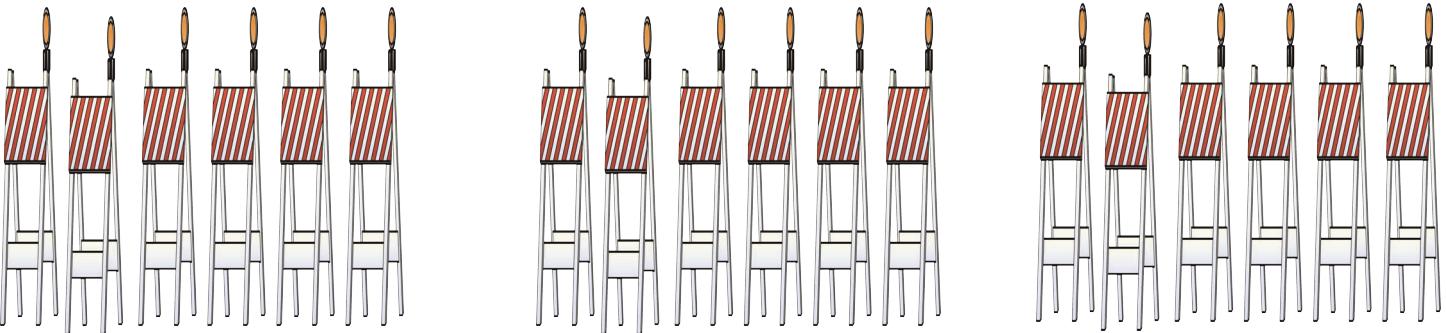
NEW PORT RICHEY CLINIC EXPANSIONS

The number of veterans in the New Port Richey area continues to grow, and with that growth comes a commitment to expand outpatient services. In the summer of 2008, construction began on a new **3,200 square-foot Dental Clinic** (*below*) and a **5,271 square-foot satellite Mental Health Center** (*left*). Both facilities are scheduled for completion by December 2008. Also, a 4,000 square-foot expansion to the main New Port Richey Outpatient Clinic on 9912 Little Road is planned with estimated completion in 2010. All facilities are located within a 2.5-mile radius of the main Clinic on Little Road.

Home Based Primary Care Expands Services

Home Based Primary Care will soon be moving into a 8,105 square-foot building in New Port Richey. Moving into larger space enables the program to expand services, and that means enhanced care for veterans in New Port Richey and surrounding areas. Estimated move in is January 2009.





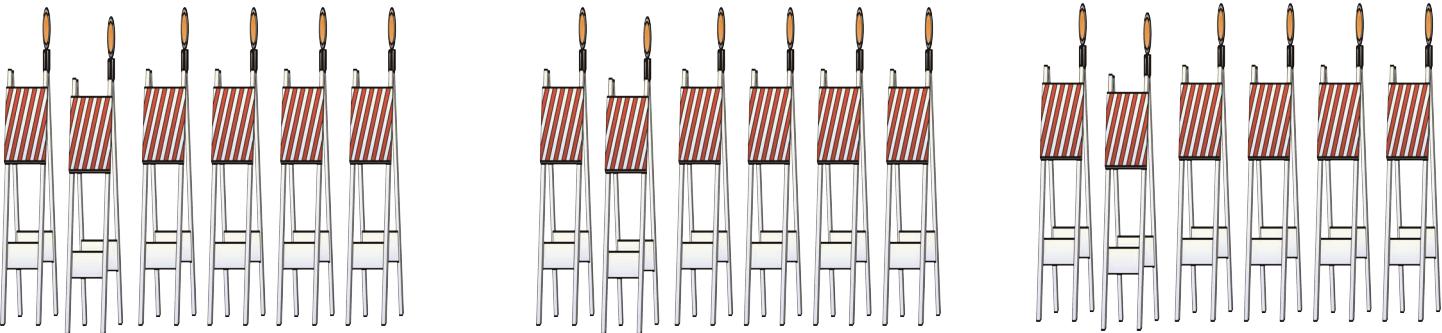
Zephyrhills Satellite Mental Health Center

Completed in June 2008, the Zephyrhills Community Based Outpatient Clinic opened a new 2,144 square-foot Satellite Mental Health Center. The new building is located across the street from the existing clinic on 6937 Medical View Lane in Zephyrhills.

New Domiciliary is Unique Facility for Vets At Risk

- ⇒ Unique lodging facility serves 35 at-risk veterans
- ⇒ Opened in June 2008; first of its kind in Florida in the last decade
- ⇒ 10,000 square feet of space in Medical Professional Bldg., 4700 N. Habana St., near St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa
- ⇒ Provides opportunity for motivated, but at-risk veterans to participate in a residential rehabilitative therapeutic community
- ⇒ Goal is to return veteran to independent living





Patient Safety Center and Business Office Moving to Grand Oaks Plaza

A staff from the Tampa VA's Patient Safety Center and the Business Office are relocating from their present offices to Grand Oak Plaza, a 513-acre corporate campus in Northeast Tampa. The park is bordered by I-75 on the east and Fletcher Avenue on the south. Projected move-in date is January 2009.

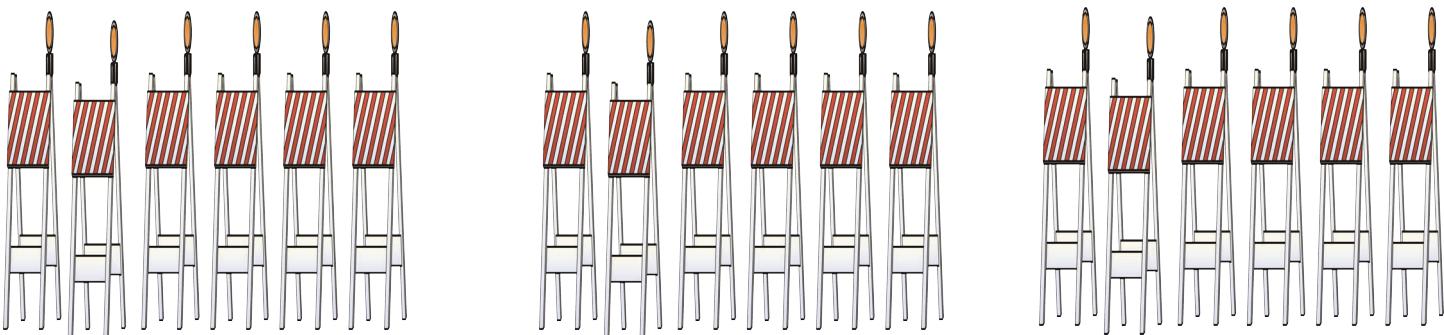
On the horizon:

Polytrauma Health-care Center and Main Tower Renovation

The James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital is one of four Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers in the nation, caring for the most severely injured veterans and active-duty troops. A major project to expand polytrauma space and rehabilitation services includes the following:



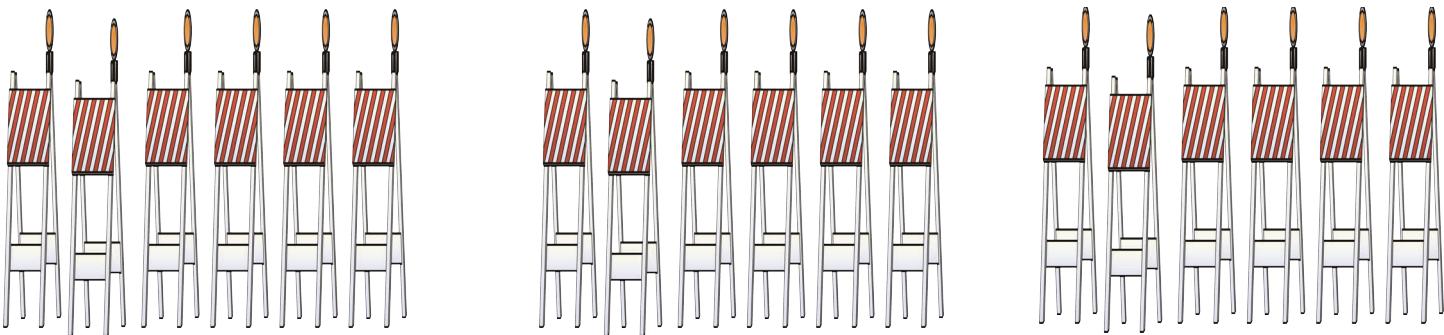
- ⇒ Construction of an approximately 150,000 square-foot state-of-the-art Polytrauma Healthcare Center. This new addition will be constructed on top of the existing Spinal Cord Injury Center. One floor will be dedicated to polytrauma ward space and the other will be space for physical medicine and rehabilitation services.
- ⇒ Complete renovation of 104,816 square-foot of space in the top four floors of the main hospital. Renovation will transform the existing two- and four-bed rooms of the existing space into single-bed rooms.
- ⇒ Timeline: Construction is scheduled to start in the fall of 2009.



New Clinic in South Hillsborough County Planned

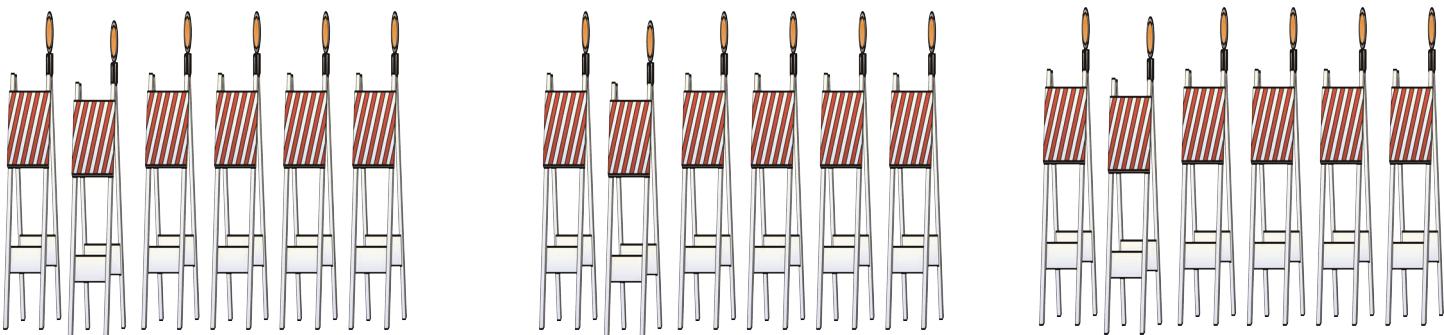
- With the growing veteran population on South Shore of Tampa Bay, construction of a new 50,000 square-foot outpatient clinic is planned.
- Clinic services will include primary care, outpatient mental health, radiology, lab and outpatient pharmacy.
- Specialty care will include audiology, cardiology, dental services, gastroenterology, neurology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, outpatient surgery, podiatry, rehabilitation medicine, urology, and Women's Health Care, including endocrinology.
- Staff: Approximately 154.
- Project Status: Construction/Opening in 2010.





BENEFITS OF CONSTRUCTION

- State-of-the-art facilities, providing world-class health-care to our veterans of all eras.
- Improved physical environment, increased patient and employee satisfaction and improved clinical outcomes.
- No programs or services will be discontinued as a result of construction.
- Elimination of parking and traffic congestion at JAHVH with new parking garage.
- Enhancing Florida's economy, adding jobs to the construction sector.



AERIAL VIEWS

Aerial views of the JAHVH hospital provide different perspectives of the sprawling 55.5 acre campus which opened its doors to the first patients in 1972.

At left: View of campus from Bruce B. Downs Blvd.

Below: View of campus from Richard E. Silver Way



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